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At our request Col White spoke to DDCI to be sure it was understood that Defense must clear every if we later do the briefing.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation - Admiral Taylor/General Carroll

Mr. Osborn reported that Admiral Taylor had passed to him the fact that General Joseph Carroll had suggested that the Agency handle the SI briefing of incoming SecDef Laird and DepSecDef Packard. Admiral Taylor reportedly suggested that this fell more appropriately in General Carroll's area but Carroll indicated that we had "better briefers". Mr. Osborn reacted somewhat negatively to Admiral Taylor in terms of the seeming inappropriateness of our taking such action and pointed out the FBI had the statutory responsibility for investigating Presidential appointees. Mr.

Osborn intends to consult Colonel White before responding to Admiral

Taylor's call.

I did not speak to Col White as this came very late in the day.

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ADD/S:JWC/ms (31 Dec 68)

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Tac: If we must go thru with this - Defense should security approve their appointees & if necessary the Agency can do the briefing - We should not investigate Defense appointees

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